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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Mr HORGAN, Mr ALBERS and Mrs CLWYD, on
behalf of the Socialist Group

with request for topical and urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the imprisonment of parliamentarians and other
leaders of the opposition party in Zaire on the eve
of the general elections

PE 80.423
Or. En.

'The European Parliament,

- A. whereas the Universal Declaration of Human Rights guarantees all peoples freedom of expression, of peaceful assembly and association and the right freely and independently to determine their political system and appropriate forms of political organization,
 - B. whereas the Zaire authorities have on several occasions, and before international organizations, undertaken to place institutions in Zaire on a democratic footing,
 - C. whereas the Head of State in Zaire, as chairman of the MPR Party (Mouvement Populaire de la Révolution - People's Revolutionary Movement) himself made contact on 16 February 1982 with the leaders of the opposition UDPS party (Union pour la Démocratie et le Progrès Social - Union for Democracy and Social Progress), through his deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior, Mr VUNDWawe TE PEMAKO, and his personal political adviser, Mr NGWANDA, with a view to opening negotiations between the two parties,
 - D. whereas the Zaire authorities had given a formal undertaking not to take proceedings against members of the UDPS on account of these negotiations,
 - E. whereas, despite the guarantees provided by the Zaire authorities, several leaders of the UDPS (Mr KIBASSA MALIBA, elected political representative; Mr KYUNGU, Mr LUMBU, Mr LUSANGA, Mr TSHISEKEDI, Mr MAKANDA, Mr NGALULA, Mr NGOY, Mr KANANA, Mr KASALA, Mr KAPITA and Mr DIA, Members of Parliament, and Mr BIRINDWA, party executive) have been arrested and ill-treated,
 - F. whereas during the trial of the thirteen detainees from 19 to 28 July 1982 neither the requirement to hold the proceedings in public and to give a full hearing to the defence, nor the procedural rules, nor the defence's rights were respected,
 - G. whereas the thirteen detainees were condemned on 1 July 1982 to fifteen years imprisonment and on 9 and 10 July 1982 were separated and transferred to the most sordid and inaccessible prisons in Zaire,
 - H. whereas on 16 August the President of the Republic announced that general elections would be held on 19 September and that the lists of candidates had already been drawn up by the 'Central Committee', whose members are all appointed by the President,
1. Requests the President of the European Parliament and the President of the Council to take immediate steps to ensure that the UDPS leaders are released and that all their rights are restored, and to enable them to participate in the forthcoming elections;
 2. Asks the Council to work together to implement a global, common European policy of support for democratization in Zaire;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission and to the governments of the Member States.' PE 80.423
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